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1. MARCH 29 EDITION TO RCPDAILY SCINTEIA CARRIED LENGTHY
EDITORIAL ENTITLED: AN URGENT QUESTION: MARINE RESOURCES,
THE PATRIMONY OF ALL MANKIND--IN THE SERVICE OF UNIVERSAL
PROGRESS, SIGNED BY C. CIUBOTARU. EDITORIAL IS WRITTEN AS
IF IT WERE PROMPTED BY AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON'S STATEMENT
OF MARCH 16 (DELIVERED TO FOREIGN MINISTRY MARCH 24) AND
CONSTITUTED GOR REPLY THERETO, AND IS EXTENSIVELY EXCERPTED
BELOW. WE CAN EXPECT ROMANIAN DELEGATION AT UP-COMING LOS
CONFERENCE TO BE HIGHLY ACTIVIST, TENACIOUS AND PROBABLY
SKILLFUL. GIVEN TIMING THIS EXCHANGE, WE CANNOT EXCLUDE
POSSIBILITY THAT PRESIDENT CEAUSCESCU MAY RAISE THIS SUBJECT
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WITH PRESIDENT CARTER, IN CONTEXT OF NEW INTERNATIONAL
ECONOMIC ORDER. END CONFIDENTIAL

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2. BEGIN TEXT, SALIENT PORTIONS SCINTEIA EDITORIAL:
DELIBERATIONS HAVE SHOWN THAT, QUOTE:

ON THE ONE HAND, THE INCLINATION OF SOME STATES
DISPOSING OF A POWERFUL INDUSTRIAL POTENTIAL, OF AN ECONOMIC
AND SCIENTIFIC-TECHNOLOGICAL CAPACITY AND OF A PRIVILEGED
POSITION AS A RESULT OF THE EXTENT OF THEIR COASTS AND THE
WEALTH OF RESOURCES IN THEIR LITTORAL ZONES, TO ACT TO ENSURE
THEMSELVES A PREPONDERANT ROLE IN THE EXPLOITATION OF THE
PLANETARY OCEAN....

ONE COULD SAY THAT WE ARE FACED WITH A REAL COMPETITION
FOR THE DIVISION AND ULTIMATE SHARING OF THE GIFTS OF THE
DEEPEST REGIONS OF OUR PLANET, A COMPETITION WHICH,
IN ITS RESULTS, OBVIOUSLY WOULD FAVOR THE LARGE, POWERFUL,
DEVELOPED STATES.

ON THE OTHER HAND, NUMEROUS STATES OF THE WORLD, FOREMOST
AMONG THEM MOST OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, BELIEVE THAT
THE MARINE RESOURCES OUGHT TO CONSTITUTE A FACTOR IN
DIMINISHING AND OVERCOMING ECONOMIC DISPARITIES, A FACTOR
(CONTRIBUTING TO) THE PROGRESS AND PROSPERITY OF ALL
COUNTRIES; THAT THE RELATIONSHIP (ESTABLISHED) AMONG STATES
IN THE MARITIME ZONE SHOULD BE SEEN AS AN ESSENTIAL COMPONENT
IN THE BUILDING OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC
ORDER.

IN THIS RESPECT, IT MUST BE SAID THAT SOME OF THE SOLUTIONS
ADVANCED, FOREMOST AMONG THEM THE CONCEPT OF A MARITIME
ECONOMIC ZONE (THAT IS TO SAY A ZONE OF A WIDTH OF 200
MILES OUTWARD FROM THE COAST) AS COMPATIBLE WITH THE
INTERESTS OF SOME DEVELOPING STATES--IN THE ABSENCE OF
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SOME EXPRESS PROVISIONS WHICH WOULD ASSURE ACCESS UNDER
PREFERENTIAL CONDITIONS TO THE FISHERY RESOURCES FOR
OTHER STATES, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN THE COURSE OF DEVELOPMENT
OR (THOSE) GEOGRAPHICALLY DISADVANTAGED AND BORDERING
ON SEMI-ENCLOSED SEAS WITH LIMITED FISHERY RESOURCES--
IN FACT FAVORS THE DEVELOPED STATES, ESPECIALLY THOSE
WITH EXTENSIVE SEA COASTS.

SIMILAR CONSEQUENCES COULD ALSO RESULT FROM THE ATTEMPT
TO ADOPT GEOLOGICAL CRITERIA WITH RESPECT TO THE OUTER
LIMITS OF THE CONTINENTAL ZONES IN ORDER TO DETERMINE THE
EXTENT OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF, FOR (THERE ARE) SITUATIONS
IN WHICH THIS WOULD EXCEED A DISTANCE OF 200 MILES FROM
THE COAST. THE GEOLOGICAL CRITERIA WOULD ALLOW SOME
STATES, FOREMOST AMONG THEM THE DEVELOPED STATES, TO EXTEND
THEIR JURISDICTIONS TO GREAT DEPTHS OF THE SEABED,
DIMINISHING THEREBY THE INTERNATIONAL ZONE THAT CONSTITUTES
THE COMMON HERITAGE OF MANKIND.
THEREFORE, AT THE UN AND AT THE CONFERENCE ON THE LAW OF

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THE SEA, AN UNDERSTANDING MUST BE REACHED THAT, AS LONG
AS NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUE AT THE CONFERENCE, THERE MUST
BE NO UNILATERAL ACTION TO EXTEND ZONES OF NATIONAL
JURISDICTION--SUCH MEASURES AS HAVE BEEN TAKEN (ALREADY)
BY SOME STATES OR GROUPS OF STATES,. (AND) WHICH ARE OF
A NATURE TO INTERFERE WITH THE ACHIEVEMENT OF COOPERATION
IN THIS SPHERE. AT THE SAME TIME, SOME RESPONSIBLE
CIRCLES IN STATES POSSESSING TECHNOLOGY IN THE FIELD OF
EXPLORATION FOR MINERAL RESOURCES IN THE INTERNATIONAL
ZONE OF THE DEEP SEABED HAVE DISCLOSED THAT, IN CASE
THEIR VIEWS ARE NOT ACCEPTED, THEY WILL BEGIN THE MINING
OF METALIC NODULES...WITHOUT WAITING ANY LONGER FOR
THE LEGAL SETTLEMENT OF THE STATUS OF THIS ZONE OR THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF AN APPROPRIATE MECHANISM TO ADMINISTER
IT. SUCH A UNILATERAL ACTION WOULD MEAN, IN PRACTICE,
THE APPROPRIATION BY THE RESPECTIVE STATES OF SOME DEEP
SEABED REGIONS AND (THEIR) RELATED RESOURCES FROM THE
PATRIMONY (THAT BELONGS TO) THE WHOLE OF MANKIND. END QUOTE
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EDITORIAL CONCLUDES WITH STATEMENT OF GOR COMMITMENT.
QUOTE" ROMANIA WILL ACT...AT THE LOS CONFER-

ENCE TO INITIATE AND SUPPORT SOLUTIONS COMPATIBLE WITH
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND
POLITICAL ORDERS, IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE EFFECTIVE
PARTICIPATION OF ALL PEOPLES IN THE EXPLOITATION OF THE
RESOURCES OF THE OCEANS AND SEAS AND THE ESTABLISHMENT
IN THIS SPHERE OF INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION BASED
ON EQUITY AND JUSTICE." END QUOTE
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